

GUIDED MISSILE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Status of National Security Programs on 30 June 1956

1. In accordance with your request, IAC-D-55/11, 22 June 1956, the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC) submits the following status report for your consideration.

2. The Guided Missile Intelligence Committee was established by the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) on 31 January 1956 with approved terms of reference. This action was in consonance with DCID 4/5/, which places guided missiles within the highest priority category of national intelligence objectives.

3. Since the establishment of the Committee, considerable effort has been placed on the integration of new intelligence and the recommendation of new methods for the collection of guided missile intelligence information. Specific accomplishments of the Committee to date are listed below:

a. The Committee is at present engaged in preparing a new estimate on guided missiles, NIE 11-5-56, "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Programs in the Field of Guided Missiles," which is to be considered by the IAC on 18 September 1956.

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b. Investigated the feasibility of [REDACTED] request for U.S. support to [REDACTED] project and recommended that the IAC consider favorably the testing of [REDACTED] guided missile intelligence collection equipment. The testing of this equipment is being conducted in the U.S. at the present time.

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c. Studied [REDACTED] proposal regarding [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] as applied to guided missiles and concluded that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is a feasible mechanism for the collection of certain elements of guided missile intelligence; and that there is a reasonable prospect of producing suitable scientific aids for such collection. [REDACTED] have been advised of the Committee action taken on their proposal.

d. Collaborated with the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) in advising the IAC of a set of unique and unusual circumstances relating to a possible connection between the guided missile and atomic energy development programs.

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e. The Chairman has established formal and informal channels of communication [REDACTED] for coordinating on guided missile intelligence matters.

f. Advised the Chairman, IAC, on a current basis, of significant developments in foreign guided missile programs.

g. Acquired pertinent US gun data for assistance in evaluating foreign gun programs.
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4. In making a prediction of future operations of CMIC, we will require direct information on the characteristics, number, and operational deployment of missiles being developed by the Soviets. At the present time, certain technical collection methods appear to be important means of obtaining the required information. It is entirely possible that a net intelligence advantage to the U.S. can be gained by exploiting the recent statement to General Twining by Khrushchev regarding a possible missile exchange.]

4. Cont re planning for collection

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